LOCAL MENTION.

Bijou-Vaudeville Columbia-Reland Reed in "His Bether

Kernan's Lyceum-Rice and Barton. Lafayette Square-"The Open Door," National Theater-Lord and Lady Algy, New Grand-Mme, Herrmann.

EXCURSIONS TOMORROW.

Steamer Charles Macalester for Mt. Ver-ion at 10 a.m. and 1.45 p.m. Steamer Newport News for Fortress Mon-one and Norfolk at 6.30 p.m. Steamer Harry Randall for Chapel Point, formini and river landings at 7 a.m.

Trains leave 10 street and Pennsylvania venue hourly for Arlington from 8 a.m. to p.m., and for Mt. Vernon hourly from 8 a.m. to 5 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cars leave Aqueduct bridge for Arlington and Fort Myer every half hour from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., and every hour for Falls Church from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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CITY AND DISTRICT.

Decision in Favor of Negative.

The second meeting of the Debating So-ety of the Washington College of Law was 627 E street northwest, Mr. E. C. Dutton, president of the society, presided. The quesion affirming "that the study of law is was debated by Mr. Geo. H. McDonald and Mrs. Jennie L. Monroe, affirmative, and Mrs. Josephine C. A. Page and Mrs. M. Lora Coope, negative, The chair appointed as judges Mrs. C. L. North, Miss E. M.

Gillett and Mrs. E. R. Balley.
At the concusion of the regular debate
the privilege of speaking on the question at
issue was extended to any member of the
society Argument leads. seederly. Arguments both pro and con were seederly. Arguments both pro and con were made by Miss Flora Raymond, Mrs. E. R. Farley, Miss E. M. Gillett, Miss Hellen V. Boswell and Mrs. E. S. Mussey. The judges decided, two to one, in favor of the negative. Quite a number of the of the negative. Quite a number of the members appeared in caps and gowns for the first time this session.

"The Recognized Leader."

Having been distinguished as above I quote those popular 5-lb. boxes fancy creamery butter at \$1.60. James F. Oyster, 900 Pa. ave., and all markets—Advt. Holder of Tax Beed Legal Owner.

In the case of M. L. Weller the attorney for the District has rendered an opinion to the effect that, so far as the District is has been granted is the legal owner of the to annoyance by the action of the health department in serving him with notice to abate an alleged nuisance upon a piece of property covered by a fax deed to him from the Commissioners. Not being in pos-session of the property, he contended that he should not be required to abate the al-leged ruisance. The matter was referred by the Commissioners to their legal adviser, who has rendered the opinion above stated.

Small's Flowers.

J. H. Small & Sons, florists, 14th and G sts., Washington; 1153 Broadway, N. Y.— Advertisement.

Great Chiefs Visit Tribe.

The great chiefs of the Great Council, I. O. R. M., of the District reservation teck up the trail to the wigwam of Seneca Tribe, No. 11, Friday night, with all of its chiefs present, and, it being the sleep set aside for the semi-annual visitation by the great chiefs, members of the various tribes throughout this and adjoining reservations attended in large numbers. The great chiefs, with Acting Great Sachem H. W. The great

Tippett, took charge of the wigwam and examined into the working of the tribe. The examination was satisfactory. The business of the tribe being over, the members proceeded to entertain the visiting members and great chiefs with songs, recitations, legerdemain and other special. recitations, legerdemain and other special ties, and then refreshments were served.

Choral Society Tickets.

On account of the death of Mr. G. I. En nis, the brother of Mrs. John F. Eilis of John F. Ellis & Co., the store will be John F. Ellis & Co., the store will closed on Tuesday and Wednesday. H ers of subscription tickets for the Ch Society concerts can have their seats reserved on Tuesday and Wednesday at Guzman's, at E. F. Droop & Sons'. On Thursday morning the sale will be resumed at John F. Ellis & Co.'s.—Advt.

Knocked Down and Robbed.

Henry Beck, living at 908 2d street southwest, has complained to the police that he was knocked down 'Saturday night and robbed near 2d and K streets. His assail-ants releved him of a silver watch and a small amount of cash.

PASSES UPON SMOKE LAW AFFAIRS

Judge Scott of the Police Court Holds It is Wreath of Oak and Evergreens for Wash-Constitutional.

Cinders as Are Common

Judge Scott today decided that the statite known as the "smoke law" is constitutional. The question was argued in the Police Court in the case of Mr. Orrin G. Staples several weeks ago, it being alleged that Mr. Staples had violated the law referred to by allowing "dense black smoke Steamer Estelle Randall for Glymont and to flow from a chimney at the National Hotel," of which he is proprietor. At the tel," of which he is proprietor. At the time Mr. Weedard, counsel for Mr. Staples. asked that the information be quashed, and Mr. Mullowny, for the government, ob-

> In giving his reasons today for deciding the question as he did Judge Scott said:
> "If the first two sections of the act "If the first two sections of the act should receive the construction that all smoke of the kind and character mentioned in the act coming from stationary engines in buildings other than private residences is a mussauce they would probably be held in constitutional, or refusing certain classes of persons the equal protection of the laws. They are probably susceptible of sach construction, but a well-settled rule applied in the construction of statutes is that if a the construction of statutes is that if a statute is reasonably susceptible of two constructions, one of which will render it unconstitutional and the other not, the lat-

Another Point.

"The statute also is not to be construed as ltering the common law, unless the intenion to do so clearly appears upon the face of it. There is no clearly expressed inten-tion in this act to after the common law upon the question of what kind, volume and character of smoke and cinders shall con-stitute a nuisance, so that whether the same is a nuisance at common law is open for the consideration of the court and jury in each particular case. The statute should be construed as one intended for the pun-olument of the production of smoke and ishment of the production of smoke and embers of such character and quantity and in such locality and under such circumstances as to render them a common law autisance. It is fairly open to such a construction. So construed, it is constitutional. The informaten is sufficient in form and substance to raise and require the trial of the question of whether the smoke complained of is in fact a nuisance, and the motion to quach must therefore be overruled." Mr. Woodard noted an exception to the

ruling of the court and the case was set to trial before a jury Tuesday of next week.

INDIANS OF BRAZIL.

Series of Lectures Under Christian Endeavor Auspices.

The Christian Endeavor Union has aranged, through its missionary committee R. Whitte, who has recently returned from an extended journey through those portions of Brazil which are populated almost exclusively by the descendants of the native Indian races. The first lecture will be delivered this evening at the chapel of the Gunton Temple Memorial Church, on 14th street above R. The second is scheduled to be given at the Eastern Presbyterian to be given at the Eastern Pressylerian Church, 6th and Maryland avenue northeast, tomorrow (Tursday) evening, and will be fully illustrated. The concluding lecture will be given at Calvary Baptist Church, 8th and H streets northwest, on Friday evening of this week. Eight o'clock is the hour for each lecture. All the lectures are free to the public.

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Mr. Whitte, it is said, has just concluded a similar series of lectures in New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore, respectively. He is expected to speak with special refer-ence to the life and customs of the Indians in the states of Para, Maranham and Goyaz, where he reports the presence of a nonulawhere he reports the presence of a popula-tion of about 2,000,000, without one Protestant missionary.

FAVOR SENATOR PRITCHARD. Movement to Secure His Nomination

for Vice President. A meeting of the executive committee of the National Republican League will be neld at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning at Williard's Hotel. After the adjournment of the league meeting an assembly of southern republicans is to be called. There are in the city now a great many republicans from every southern state. The object in calling the assembly is to indorse Senator J. C. Pritchard for vice president of the United States.

Letters have been received from promisent league men in all sections of the south expressing sympathy with the movement, and confidence is felt that the entire southport Senator Pritchard for the next na

ional convention.

Vice President Roscoe Mitchell of the Vice President Roscoe Mitchell of the National League announces that Henry Clay Evans has given an interview to the effect that he will not be a candidate before the convention for the vice presidency. This action, it is said, leaves Senator Pritchard without opposition in the south. The chief promoters of the movement referred to in favor of Senator Pritchard are Recorder of Deeds Cheatham and Vice President Mitchell of the Republican League.

Fine Goods at Auction.

A rare collection of old colonial manag-iny and marqueteric furniture, in rare and iseful shapes, to be sold to cover storage charges, to which has been added Mr. I. charges, to Whilden Moore's collection of valuable bronzes, oil paintings, cabinets, clocks bronzes, oil paintings cabinets, clocks, mirrors, scarce china, Sheffield plate, rich glassware, etc., etc., all now being catalogued and to be sold at auction Thursday and Friday next, at Slean's Art Gallery, 1407 G st.—Advt.

Literary and Musical.

A musical and literary entertainment was given Friday evening at Grace M. E. Church, corner 9th and S streets, under the auspices of the Home Missionary Society of the church. The program was as foldows: Plano solo, "Hungarian Rhapsodle
No. 2, Liszt, Miss Suste MacDonald; soprano solo, "Oh! For a Burst o' Song,"
Frances Allitsen, Miss Isobel DuBois; contraito solo, selected, Miss Edna Scott Smith;
"Darkey Monologue," Miss Amelia Brown;
baritone solo, selected, Mr. Jasper Dean
McFall; tenor solo, "Imbarquez Vous" (Barcarole), Godard, Mr. Chas. Crosby; soprano
solo, selected, Mrs. Bessie Latham Gibson;
violin solo, selected, Mr. Harry Gick; "Dialect—Humor," Mr. Wm. H. Conley; contraito solo, "Sunset," Dudley Buck, Mrs.
Laura Zeh Johnson; bass solo, selected, Mr.
Walter Humphrey; tenor solo, selected, Mr.
Horatio Reneh; "Penelope's Christmas
Dance," Mrs. Emily Frech Barnes.
That the numbers were appreciated was
attested by the generous encores, the responses thereto lengthening out the entertaliment to two hours or more.

For an unit date suit at moderate raise of the church. The program was as fol-

For an up-to-date suit at moderate price go to J. M. Stein & Co., 413 11th st.-Advt.

P. J. Nee & Co. P. J. Nee & Co., the "easygoing credit house," corner 7th and H streets, with their characteristic enterprise have pur-chased an entire car load of fine pictures, which they are selling at actual cost for the special benefit of Christmas shoppers. By modern up-to-date business methods and judicious advertising this furniture house has quickly taken its place among the largest establishments in the city. In the past year they have added another store, and are enabled to present this Christmas fully twice as large a stock of furniture as was exhibited last December. This firm is particularly liberal in the matter of credit, and at the same time endeavors to meet the lowest prices quoted by cash houses.

Funeral of Mrs. Connell.

The funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Elizabeth Connell, who died yesterday at the residence of her son, Robert Connell 2323 P street northwest, will be held tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock at the chapel in Oak Hill cemetery. Rev. F. D. Power of Vermont Avenue Christian Church will offi-ciate.

Statute Applied to Such Smoke and The Inscriptions Upon the Two Designs-Poem by Canon of

ington's Tomb Received From England.

Evening Star, Bureau, No. 727 King St., Bell Telephone, No. 106,

ALEXANDRIA, Va., December 11, 1899. The wreath of oak and evergreens sen from London by the Earl of Londesborough and Constitutional Lodge, No. 294, of Beverly, East Yorkshire, England, arrived here yesterday afternoon consigned to Mr James Douglass, and is now on exhibition at the corner of King and St. Asaph streets. The wreath is constructed in handsome design and is about five feet in diameter. It is accompanied by a Masonic emblem "representing the square and compasses," also composed of oak and evergreens. The peem which Richard Wilton, canon of East Yorkshire, composed, to be read at the tomb of Washington Thurslay, was inclosed, but the verses will not be given out for publication until they are read at Mt. Vernon. Attached to the two designs are cards bearing, respectively, the following inscriptions:

following inscriptions:
"From the worshipful master, officers and brethren of the Constitutional Lodge, No. 204, of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Beverly, East Yorkshire, England.

sons of Beverly, East Yorkshire, England. A token of the high esteem in which the character of the illustrious Washington is held. December 14, 1899." (Seal.)
"Londeshorough Park. A humble token of respectful admiration for one of the greatest architects the world has ever known. Whose works every Englishman prays may endure and prosper through all times. From Londesborough, an English honorary member of Liberty Lodge, Beverly, Mass., and past master of Constitu-

Fire destroyed a handsome barn on the farm of Mr. George A. Abbott in Fairfax county, a few miles west of this city, at a late hour Saturday night. Two cows were burned, several bushels of corn, a large quantity of hay and household articles, which were stored in the building were completely consumed, the loss aggregating about \$5,000, on which there is an insurance to the amount of \$1,200. The origin of the fire is unknown.

While leaning out of his cab window J. W. Haring, an engineer on the Southern railroad, had a narrow escape from death ate Saturday night, as his engine was drawing cars on North Union street. Being intent on looking for a signal, he did not

intent on looking for a signal, he did not observe a box car standing on the siding until his head struck against it with violence. In a sem-unconscious state the injured man was carried to his residence, 1311 Duke street. Dr. O'Brien was called and found that Mr. Haring had not sustained permanent injuries.

Three men suspected of being Robert Wilson, William McCann and Charles Riley were before Mayor Simpson this morning. The men were arrested by Sergt. Smith on suspicion of having escaped from jall December 6, at Towson, Baltimore county, Md. The authorities at that point had been communicated with, but as no reply had been received, Mayor Simpson ordered the communicated with, but as no reply had been received, Mayor Simpson ordered the men locked up, awaiting developments. The funeral of Mrs. Mary Downey, whos The funeral of Mrs. Mary Downey, whose death occurred last Thursday, took place this morning from St. Mary's Church, Father H. J. Cutler officiating. Many friends and relatives of the deceased attended the services, and interment was made in St. Mary's cemetery.

The marriage of Miss Elizabeth McCuen and Mr. Robert W. Schneider will take place at 6 o'clock tomorrow evening in Grace Episcopal Church.

ANNUAL ELECTIONS.

Local Organizations Choose Officers

At the regular meeting of Potomac Post, No. 11, G. A. R., held the 8th instant, officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: James Lackey, commander; W. G. Himrod, senior vice commander; W. B. Noerr, junior vice commander; A. N. Thompson, quartermaster; Dr. J. R. Hayes, surgeon; J. Tyler Powell, chaplain; George Gladman, officer of the day, and C. Vermilion, officer of the guard.

The following were elected delegates to the department encampment: J. Tyler Powell, W. L. Schmalhoff, W. H. Hoover and George Gladman; alternates, W. G. Himrod, W. B. Noerr, M. J. Sauter and C. Vermilion.

Club, held December 7, the following offiron; vice chief, Dr. Thomas Miller; second vice chief, William Jardine; recording sec-

ron; tree chef, Dr. Inomas Miller; second vice chief, William Jardine; recording secretary, John B. Smyth; corresponding secretary, John F. Duncan; financial secretary, David T. Black; chaplain, T. C. Easton; conductor, Alexander McKerlehar; librarian, James Cassell.

At a meeting of Columbia Council, No. 443, N. U., held Saturday evening last the following officers were nominated and elected for the ensuing year: President, Frank W. Donn; vice president, Elimer M. Webster; speaker, F. M. Hosier; ex-president, Richard Murphy; secretary, Joseph E. Casey; financial secretary, John E. Hammond; treasurer, William B. Reilly; chaplain, Robert D. Barrett; usher, G. M. Perkins; sergeant-at-arms, Caarles H. Grenacher; doorkeeper, George W. Cox; chapiani, Robert D. Bartes, Charles H. Perkins; sergeant-at-arms, Charles H. Grenacher; doorkeeper, George W. Cox; trustees, J. M. Craig, W. T. Kelly and A. B. Carty; delegates to cablnet, John E. Hammond and Richard Murphy; delegate

Hammond and Richard Murphy; delegate to immediate relief, Frank W. Donn; representatives to assembly, William B. Refliy and J. M. Craig; alternates, Richard Murphy and F. M. Hosier.

At the regular meeting of Auxiliary No. 32, Ladies' Union Veteran Legion, held last Saturday evening, the officers for 1000 were elected: Mrs. Harriet L. Scribner, president; Mrs. Mary E. S. Davis, senior vice president; Mrs. Mary Virginia Noer, junior vice president; Mrs. Hattle Allison, chaplain; Miss Angelina Beekman, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Alte Oulahan Sanderson, treasurer; Mrs. Mary L. Austin, conductor; Mrs. Lizzie Allen, guard; Mrs. Anna E. Kearns, color bearer; Mrs. Elizabeth A. Hilton, pianist; Mrs. Sarah E. Pittman was selected by the president-elect for recording secretary.

for recording secretary.

The auxiliary was invited by Encampment No. 111, U. V. L., to a campfire to be held at its hall, 314 and 316 Pennsylvania ment No. 111, U. V. L., to a campfire to be held at its hall, 314 and 318 Pennsylvania avenue southeast, Friday evening, the 15th instant, and the invitation was accepted. At its next meeting, to be held December 23, the officers and chairmen of the several committees will make their annual reports. At its weekly meeting, held last Saturday evening, at 314 10th street southeast, the Young Men's Literary Association elected officers for the term ending March 31, 1900, as follows: President, H. T. Colvin; vice president, H. W. Wheatley; secretary, W. C. Irey; treasurer, G. G. Whitney; critic, D. A. Edwards. Mr. T. J. Tydings was elected a member of the executive committee for the nine months' term ending September 30, 1900. All these persons will take office January 1.

The remainder of the evening was given up to discussion of proposed policies of the organization. The next meeting will be held at 8 o'clock Saturday, December 16, at 13 Tennessee avenue northeast. Subject for discussion. "That the Veto Power of the

13 Tennessee avenue northeast. Subject for discussion, "That the Veto Power of the President Be Abolished." Debaters: Affirmative—Messrs. G. G. Payne and E. G. Colvin; negative—Messrs. G. G. Whitney and E. F. Montgomery.

Push Cart Venders Arrested.

A raid was made early Saturday evening by Policemen Lohman and Conners upon the push cart venders of Washington, , who go over to Georgetown almost every Saturday night and keep their carts standing near the curb line, contrary to the police regulations. Considerable complaint over the action of the hucksters has been made by some of the storekeepers. Theodore Chaconas, aged twenty-two; Spervas An-Chaconas, aged twenty-two; Spervas Antroapae, aged twenty; George Harris, aged seventeen; Nicholas Poppas, aged twenty, and Demitry Krouz, aged twenty-five, all natives of Greece, and William Roy, colored, aged twenty-two, were taken into custody and conveyed to the station house, where a charge of violating the police regulations was entered against each. Each was released on depositing \$5 collateral.

Daniel A. Reiff, Clerkin Revenue Bureau, Alfred G. Bliss, Chief Clerk in the Internal Asphyziated by Gas.

Coroner Gives Certificate of Accidental Death-Paderal Services to

Be Held Tomorrow Afternoon.

Daniel A. Reiff, a fermer Pennsylvanian, fifty-seven years old, who held a position in the internal revenue bureau, Treasury Department, for shout eleven years, died about 1 o'clock yesterday morning at his home, No. 608 22d street northwest, from the effects of illuminating gas. Coroner Carr, who made an investigation of the case yesterday, gave a certificate of accidental death. The funeral will take place from the family residence at 2 o'clock tomorrowafternoon. Mr. Reiff had been slightly ill for several days and Saturday he remained away from the office. He returned to his home about 10 o'clock, leaving his wife and a neighbor in the sitting room. About the time Mrs. Reiff was ready to retire she detected the odor of gas and hurrying upstairs, she found that the gas in her husband's room was turned on. Mr. Reiff was unconscious.

Dr. Robert Reyburn was summoned, but the progress of the poison had been such that Mr. Reiff was beyond aid. The surroundings showed that the victor had left

that Mr. Reiff was beyond aid. The surroundings showed that the victim had left the gas turned on accidentally. Besides his wife two sons survive him. The deceased was a member of the Union Veteran Legion, having been a lleutenant in Company A. 138th Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers, during the civil war, and members of the legion will attend the funeral. Mr. Reiff had a number of friends in Philadelphia and Norristown.

Mr. Reiff was appointed a clerk in the internal revenue bureau June 9, 1888, from Fennsylvania, first serving at a salary of \$000 per annum. Later he was promoted, successively, on merit until at the date of his death he was in the \$1,400 class.

He was popular arrong his associates in the office and in the service of the serv

nis death he was in the \$1,400 class.

He was popular among his associates in the office and in the ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic and Union Veteran Legion. His record was that of a careful and painstaking clerk, and he was valued accordingly.

AMUSEMENTS.

BALTIMORE SYMPHONY CONCERT .-After six seasons of complete success in the musical centers of the east the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra has entered anoter with every indication of repeating its former record. The soloists engaged as features at its performance are the best to, be had, and will doubtless add much to the interest to be manifested by students of the higher branches of musical art. Mark Hambourg, the young Russlan plan ist, who is announced for the first of the series of five concerts here at the National Theater, is a musician of rare talent and well nigh perfect training. Having begun his education as a virtuoso almost when he commenced to read, it is easily comprehensible that the favor of audlences should so promptly commend his conception and interpretation of those works for the piano which they may be used to hearing only passably well executed. It is not alone as a technicist that he has shone, for those critics who are the hardest to please have been forced to admit that his is a distinctly broad and healthy artistic temperament, and his forces, immense as they appear to be are only used in augmenting and emphasizing those points in the ideal conception that require such distinction. Mr. Hambourg appears but once with the orchestra in this city, at its concert next Thursday afternoon, and seats for the single concerts or coure may yet be had at Guzman's, in Droop's music store. his education as a virtuoso almost when

AT A DISCOUNT.

Advantages Offered Customers of Alma Grocery Company. It is not often that holiday purchasers are given the benefit of buying goods at a discount of from 25 to 50-per cent, but that advantage can be obtained by calling at the Alma Grocery Co., southwest corner of 9th and D streets northwest. This store was opened about a year ago, with one of the largest and finest stocks of groceries and liquors ever placed on sale here. A dissolution of partners has made it necessary to close up the business within the next sixty days, and to this as quickly as possible the stock is being sold at a discount of from 25 to 50 per cent from prices charged elsewhere. The stock embraces every article in the grocery and liquor line, and money will be cheerfully refunded if, upon examination, the goods are not found by the purchaser to be strictly as represented. The stock is new, having been almost daily replenished up to the present time.

To cents per gallon; eight-year-old whisky at 75 cents a quart; the celebrated Wedding whisky at 83.59 per gadion, having been reduced from \$5; Chilfornia peaches and other fruits at 15 cents a can, and other goods of the same high grade at like reduced prices. A full line of the finest imported cordials and liquors will also be sold at sacrifice prices. The stock is worth about \$30,000, and all of it must be sold.

BENEFIT OF POLICE.

Fund to Replace Clothing Ruined While Officers Are on Duty.

A new fund has been created by the District Commissioners and Major Sylveser which is to be used for the purchase of ciothing of members of the police department which may be torn or ruined in line of duty. Heretofore when an officer was assaulted or got his clothing ruined while in the performance of his duty the loss fell on himself. This members of the force al-ways regarded as a hardship, although there was no provision for their relief. The new fund provided for is to be The new fund provided for is to be made up of 20 per cent of the rewards and recognitions given for meritorious service. Where such rewards are given it has been customary to pay part or all to the officer or to the policeman's fund. The latter fund can get along very well without these small amounts, and the new fund, it is thought, will be maintained by them and be of great benefit.

Durable, Handsome, Latest Style. Footwear of the latest style, of durabiity and handsome appearance-foetwear to fit all mankind, womankind, the boys and the girls-in great and exclusive variety, is found at this season at the com-fortable and convenient parlors of Hellbrun & Co., 402 7th street northwest. Shoes of exceptional valve in design and quality may be found there, in fact, the whole may be found there in the holidays the excellent stock has been augmented in every line. The greatly reduced prices which rule supreme at this establishment have been talked about all over the city, representing as they do the quintessence of close selling, the profits being small on each sale, but the number of sales heavy enough to make up a net equal to and exceeding that made by some dealers at the expense of their few customers. The Heilbrun holiday stock is complete in every detail. Provision is made for all who wear shoes. All mankind should be well fitted in neat footwear for the Christmastide and New Year season. To meet the rush and demand that has been made upon them, Messrs. Heilbrun & Co. have secured additional clerks and are now prepared to handle the largest crowd with comfort and the best of attention. "Look for the old woman in the shoe." She's in the show case in front. year round, but for the holidays the excel-

M. A. Tappan & Co. M. A. Tappan & Co.'s sporting goods house, 1339 F street, is a favorite shopping place nowadays for parents who desire to give their children presents that will en-

courage physical exercise and improvement Here are all the latest gymnastic appliances, as well as requisites for the poular outdoor sports, such as golf, foot ball, etc. The firm carries a complete line of the well-known makes in guns, rifles and revolvers, including the new hammerless guns. These are being offered at specially reduced prices for the benefit of Christmas shoppers. Every style of lce skates and roller skates are to be had here, at prices ranging from 25 cents pair up.

IN ALEXANDRIA VETERAN PAISSES AWAY PUBLIC OFFICIAL

Revenue Bureau.

Had Been in Ill Health for a Number of Years-Funeral Tomor-

Mr. Alfred G. Bliss, who had been in the internal revenue bureau of the Treas ury Department for more than thirty years and who had been chief clerk of the reau since 1897, died Saturday night at the Emergency Hospital, where he underwent an operation a short time ago. The remains were removed to the late home of Mr. Bliss, at the southwest corner of 10th and East Capitol streets northeast.

Mr. Bliss had not been in good health in

many years, but with remarkable pluck re mained on duty in the Treasury Depart ment. His health had declined steadily since the drowning of his eldest son, Chas. O. Bliss, at Ocean City, Md., last summer Mr. Bliss was appointed to a clerkship in the treasury from Connecticut in 1869, and had been promoted many times solely on account of merit. Commissioner Wilson said today that Mr. Bliss was one of the most efficient men the treasury ever had.

"He had much to do with perfecting the present gauging system," said Mr. Wilson, "and complied the gaugers' and weighers' manuals. He was equally efficient in office or field work."

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Mr. Bliss was a Connecticut soldier in the civil war. He was about sixty years old, and was connected with a number of organizations. A widow and three children, one son and two daughters, survive him.

The funeral, which will be private, will take place tomorrow afternoon from the femily residence.

MASS MEETING HELD.

District Republicans Provide Plan for Thoosing Convention Delegates. About four score District republicans as sembled Saturday night in Willard's Hall to attend a mass meeting called for the purpose of deciding upon some method by which the delegates to the republican national convention next year may be se

Organization was effected by the election of A. A. Birney, ex-district attorney chairman; L. H. Peterson, secretary, and

S. J. Block, sergeant-at-arms. The early part of the proceedings wa marked by heated discussion and bitter personalities, and a considerable number of the participants, headed by W. Calvir the participants, headed by W. Calvin Chase, a colored lawyer, withdrew from the hall. Those remaining then adopted a series of rules presented by L. M. Saunders, from the committee of seven appointed at a recent meeting called by him. They provided that mass meetings of republican voters should be held at the same day and hour in each of the twenty-two legislative districts heretofore established by law, for the purpose of selecting three electors and one delegate to serve as a member of the returning board. The three electors would meet immediately after ...e electors would meet immediately after and close of the mass meeting and name their close of the mass meeting and name their choice for delegates to the national convention, and send the names by mail to the postmaster or some other person to be designated in case that official declines to serve. The postmaster and the one delegate selected were to constitute the returning board, to count the ballots and determine who are selected as delegates to the national organization.

A resolution offered by George S. Emmons, and adopted, provided for a registration of republican voters in the various districts during a period of thirty days prior to the holding of the mass meetings. Before the meeting adjourned, subject to

Before the meeting adjourned, subject to the call of the chair, a resolution offered by Mr. Saunders favoring the renomination and re-election of President McKinley was unanimously adopted.

Three Slight Fires.

An alarm was turned in from box 154 about 6:30 o'clock Saturday night for fire in the house of S. Lowenthal, No. 1418 E street northwest. The explosion of a coal oil lamp caused the fire, which resulted in a loss of about \$200. Clothing and furniture valued at \$150 were destroyed, and damage to the amount of \$50 was done to the house. The property was fully in-

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There was a slight fire at the home of Charles Davis, No. 4 C street southeast, late Saturday afternoon, caused by sparks dropping on the shingle roof. Engine company No. 3 was summoned to the house, but the flames were extinguished before the arrival of the firemen.

There was a fire in the basement of R. L. Magruder's drug store, No. 1900 Pennsylvania avenue northwest, about 8,30 o'clock last night, caused by the explosion of chemicals. An alarm sounded from box 37 summoned the fire department. The flames were extinguished before much damage was done.

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Tenth Anniversary Sermon

At the tenth anniversary service of St. Paul's Chapter, Brotherhood of St. Andrew, last evening, at St. Paul's P. E. drew, last evening, at St. Paul's P. E. Church, on 23d street, the sermon was delivered by Rev. Richard P. Williams of Trinity Church. His, discourse was upon the general subject of the manliness of Christianity.

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